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The world is twice as rich when both lecturers and students come together and create!

American students visited Fioletovo, a Russian village in Armenia, where the Molokans, a national minority, live. Nowadays in Fioletovo, there is a house museum "Chaibushka", where one can taste traditional Russian dishes - borscht, pirozhki, pancakes with sour cream, and, of course, tea from a real samovar. In the past, a large friendly family lived in this house. In 1928, the author Maxim Gorky traveled through Dilijan and Fioletovo and drank tea in this house.

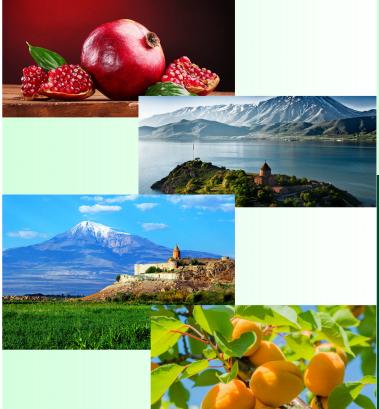














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Ijevan Valley EdTech Summer School is a new educational environment, exposure to a new culture, and an effective learning experience customized to individual needs. We are always eager to collaborate and consider new ideas. An intensive course in Russian as a foreign language (RFL) is perfect for students majoring in the humanities. Special emphasis placed on

expanding vocabulary, improving language proficiency, speaking skills, and listening comprehension, as well as assisting students in overcoming common challenges during speeches, discussions, and presentations. The entire course designed for 3 weeks and includes 90 hours (of academic Svetlana Minasyan, Professor of lessons and of academic practice).

Pedagogical Sciences, Coordinator

An interesting and varied program created for developing language and speech competence and getting to know Armenian, Georgian and Russian culture. A full day includes classes on aspects and types of speech activity with an emphasis on communication. This course was the first and successful attempt by the American students to communicate with representation



of a different culture. The excellent organization of the program, the internship plan and the most interesting excursions, developed and implemented by Professors S.M. Minasyan and I.S. Kostina, give hope for continued cooperation between the Ijevan branch of Yerevan State University and Iowa State University, USA. An unusually rich program, meetings with excellent teachers and students, the beauty of Armenia and the warmth of the Armenian people will forever remain in our memory. Thanks for everything! Irina Kostina, PhD, Assistant Coordinator



My Russian course at Ijevan has been very enjoyable with plenty of time to study and improve my Russian. The staff excellently prepared our meals, and our teachers were punctual, informative, and engaging. Accommodations are well and staff is available to help if there were any problems. If to improve the program, some classes were too simplistic for my level, and

adding some more rigorous courses to the program would be great. greatly enjoyed the cultural classes in which we learned about Russian culture and famous figures, as well as classes about Armenian culture, a topic few people are knowledgeable of in America. The town of Ijevan itself is an interesting place with many things to see and visit, and the people are very friendly, generous, and hospitable. I recommend this program to beginner and intermediate Russian students, as well as those Jacob Siefke interested in studying Armenian history and culture.



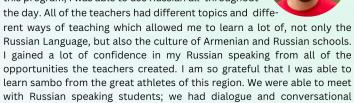




It has been very interesting to learn such a variety of topics here in Armenia. It is a challenge to learn things in a language that I am not familiar with, but all of the instructors were very kind and always attempted to make sure we understand what they taught. However, we had each other and enough English-speaking support that we could figure out at least the main po-

int everything. The excursions we went on were breathtaking places, especially since nearly everything is in the mountains; you can see the culture of Armenia in every stone. Morgan James

My first time to Europe was for this trip to lievan, Armenia, and I was in a completely different culture! I studied Russian for 3 years but never had an opportunity to use it outside of the classroom, and through this program, I was able to use Russian all throughout



drills and much more! Having the experience to be immerse in Russian

culture is something that I will never forget but hope to experience again! Henry Chen



Armenia has been a great experience! The hospitality that the locals have shown us is nothing short of amazing. The program has increased my knowledge of the Russian language at a very affordable cost. The professors were kind, worked well with our group, and took great interest in helping us learn and grow.

Tindal, Abigail L

Armenia is a stunning country, and it was very interesting to visit! The opportunity was affordable and had a good return value. The classes really helped improve my listening comprehension, and the professors took a lot of interest in us. We stayed together, conveniently close to the campus and town,

and had a lot of fun bonding as friends and classmates in this new environment!

Peyton Pangburn



We can tell that the Russian professors of this program truly want us to understand this language and are passionate about our teaching. The scenery and mountains are beautiful. Being able to study Russian in a country where you are unable to rely on English as a backup has greatly furthered my

Russian language skills. Svetlana Z's classes were very engaging and allowed me to work on my conversational Russian. Yelena's classes are very interactive and it is interesting to learn about Russian art and culture. I love trying new foods and it has been very interesting to try Armenian food. Svetlana M created an affordable and memorable trip that allowed me to gain many new friends.

Natalie Lanigan

This program helped me broaden my horizons. Svetlana Z. had a very interesting and engaging class and improved my Russian. Yelena had a very interesting and interactive class and I really enjoyed deepening my knowledge of the Russian culture. All of the professors cared a lot for the students and had



interesting courses. Being able to learn Russian in Armenia is an opportunity that I am very grateful for. All of the people here were very hospitable and accommodating. The food here is otherworldly and something I am glad I have to try during my stay. Raya Denisov

During my time in Armenia for my exchange program, I have found that Armenia is a country that has a rich cultural food and nature here is amazing and the people have gone out of their way to make sure that we have the best experience in their city and in their country. The professors that are teaching us, like Pro-

fessor Minasyan, truly love the rich Russian language and want to teach their students the language as well. Additionally, I have found that the cultural classes that Lilit and Yelena taught us were very informative about cultures that are different from my own and have further opened my eyes to the world around me. **Boris Miller**

I wanted to thank you again for the great experience here in your country. It is a beautiful place and the people are amazing. I only wish I had more time to experience more. Thank you so much.



